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grasping the plunger end and the membrane 30 allows the pleats 36 of the gathered portion 32 to expand while always encasing the now-fully extended assembly 20 (Figures 5, 14). The plunger end of the membrane 30 will be opened (Figure 14) in an operatory to allow access to the filled syringe pair assembly 20 during a surgical procedure. As shown in Figure 14, a free end 37 of the membrane 30 shows the membrane as formed from the parts 37a, 37b, sealed together but separable (by peeling apart) to expose plunger connector 26 of the loaded syringe pair. Thus, the loaded syringe pair is maintained sterile until actual use in surgery.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line <sup>14</sup>~~19~~, with the following:

To remove assembly 20 from membrane 30, spring 27 is depressed toward syringes 22a, 22b to ~~list~~ release retaining member 28 from mating catch on fitting 18. Syringes 22a, 22b are twisted and pulled away from fitting 18, allowing assembly 20 to reside loose within membrane 30. Membrane 30 is then peeled apart, as described earlier, to remove assembly 20.